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**REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS**

The examiner has requested restriction of the above identified application between four (4) groups of inventions, asserting that each group is patentably distinct from the other, namely:

- **Group I :** Claims 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, drawn to a matrix and composition comprising collagen, for stimulating axon growth;
- **Group II :** Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7, drawn to a matrix and composition comprising fibrin, for stimulating axon growth;
- **Group III :** Claims 8 and 9, drawn to a method of preparing a collagen composition for facilitating axon growth; and
- **Group IV :** Claims 8 and 10, drawn to a method of preparing a fibrin composition for facilitating axon growth..

The applicant hereby elects (without prejudice to the right to file divisional applications) the invention of Group I. namely claims 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, drawn to a matrix and composition comprising collagen. The Applicant also respectfully requests rejoinder of process claims 8 and 9 should product claims be found allowable.

If any fees whatsoever are due the United States Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge the required amount to the credit card of **Gaetan Prince**, which is fully described in the enclosed Credit Card payment Form PTO-2038.

Yours very truly,

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